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THE INVINCIBLE IRON MAN



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TONY
STARK IS
MISSING.

HE WAS IN
A COMA BROUGHT ON
BY RATHER UNIQUE MEDICAL
CONDITIONS THAT I AM SURE HE
INFLICTED UPON HIMSELF IN
PURSUIT OF BIOTECHNICAL
PERFECTION.

BUT NOW
HE IS MISSING
AND THE VULTURES ARE
CIRCLING HIS COMPANY. HIS
LEGACY IS IN TRUE
JEOPARDY.

BECAUSE OF
THIS, I THINK IT IS
EVER SO IMPORTANT
THAT I, VICTOR VON DOOM,
MAINTAIN HIS IMAGE AS
IRON MAN IN THE
PUBLIC EYE.

I AM SURE
YOU HAVE HEARD
CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT
MY INTENTIONS, BUT I ASSURE
YOU THAT I UNDERSTAND THE
DEEP, DARK HOLE THAT I DUG
FOR MYSELF AND HOW
IMPOSSIBLE THE JOURNEY
TO REDEMPTION IS. BUT
NEVERTHELESS...

...THIS IS THE
PATH I CHOOSE
TO WALK.

I WILL BE
IRON MAN BECAUSE
THE WORLD NEEDS
ONE.

IF TONY
STARK IS NO LONGER
WITH US, WHOEVER ENDED
HIS LIFE WILL HAVE HIS
LIFE ENDED BY
ME.

AND IF I
FALL IN BATTLE, THERE
IS A YOUNG GENIUS NAMED
RIRI WILLIAMS WHOM I
WOULD LIKE YOU TO
REACH OUT TO.

I THINK
YOU AND SHE
MIGHT HAVE A
LOT TO TALK
ABOUT--

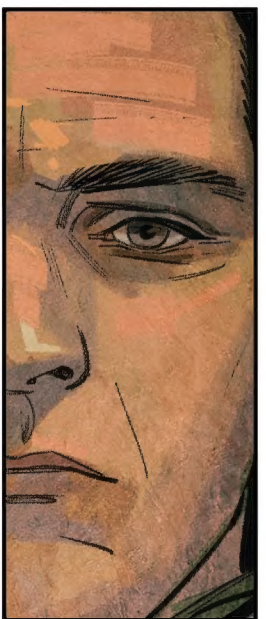
OH,
PLEASE, THAT IS NOT
NECESSARY.

THE SEARCH FOR TONY STARK

PART THREE

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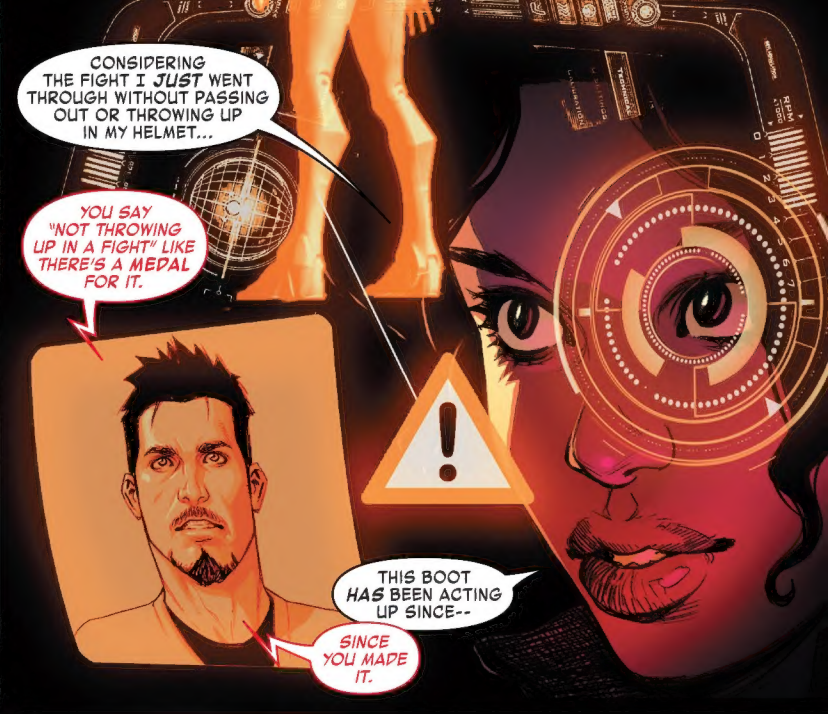
YOU KNOW... HE ISN'T AS ACTIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AS YOU MIGHT THINK.

EVERYONE IS, MISS WILLIAMS.

I'M JUST TRYING TO FIND TONY STARK.

OR ARE YOU GO INTO BEING, LIKE, THE TONY STARK EXPERIENCE THAT YOU WANT THE REAL TONY TO JUST GO AWAY...?

RIRI, YOUR ARMOR IS MALFUNCTIONING.



CONSIDERING THE FIGHT I JUST WENT THROUGH WITHOUT PASSING OUT OR THROWING UP IN MY HELMET...

YOU SAY "NOT THROWING UP IN A FIGHT" LIKE THERE'S A MEDAL FOR IT.



THIS BOOT HAS BEEN ACTING UP SINCE--

SINCE YOU MADE IT.



EXCUSE ME! YOU'RE BEING EXTRA-SASSY STARK TODAY.

THIS HAS BEEN DULY ESTABLISHED.

THEY ARE WEASELS.

I AM THE DIGITAL REPRODUCTION OF THE MIND AND EXPERIENCE OF TONY STARK.

WEASELS ARE TRYING TO TAKE STARK ENTERPRISES.



I BUILT THAT COMPANY.

WELL, NOT YOU, BUT--

EVERYTHING THAT IS ME MADE THAT COMPANY.

ERIC LYNCH.

THE GUY SHOULD BE WORKING THE COUNTER AT THAT CHUCK E. CHEESE KNOCK-OFF PLACE JOHNNY STORM TRIED TO GET US ALL TO INVEST IN, BUT SOMEHOW HE TALKED HIS WAY ONTO THE STARK CORPORATE BOARD.



GUY NEVER ONCE HAD A CREATIVE THOUGHT TUMBLE THROUGH THAT VACANT LOT OF A HEAD OF HIS, BUT HE THINKS HE SHOULD BE THE PRESIDENT OF STARK ENTERPRISES.



HE'S NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT.

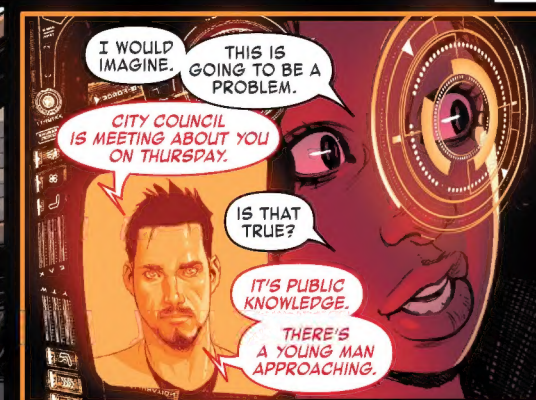
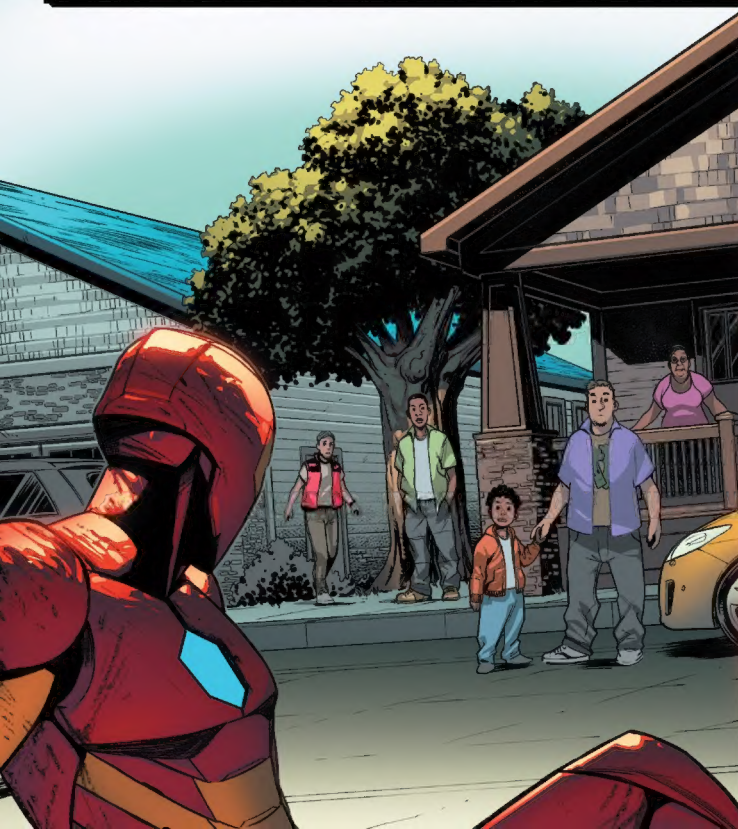
YOUR BOOT IS PONE.

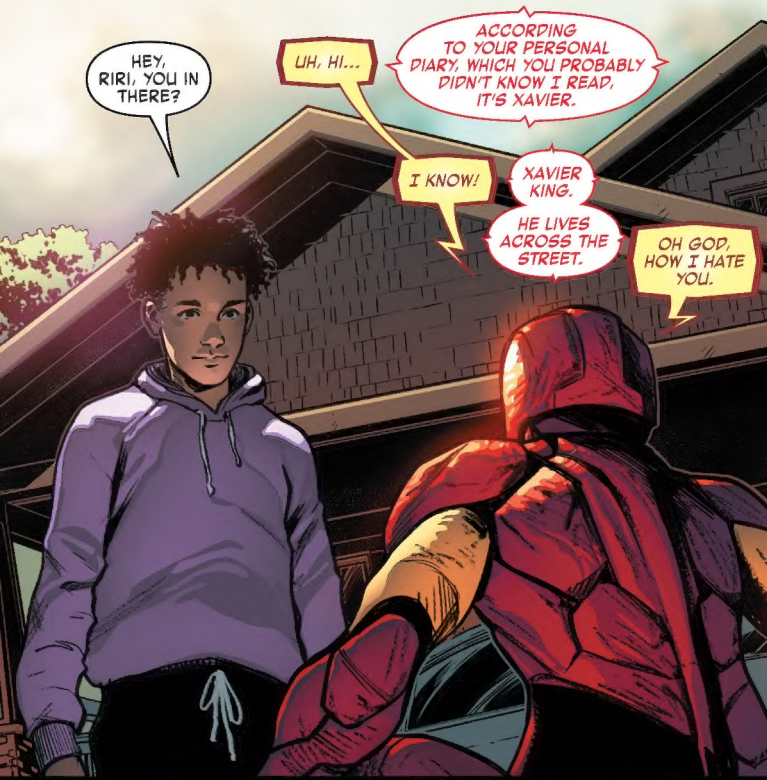


UH-OH...



CHICAGO.



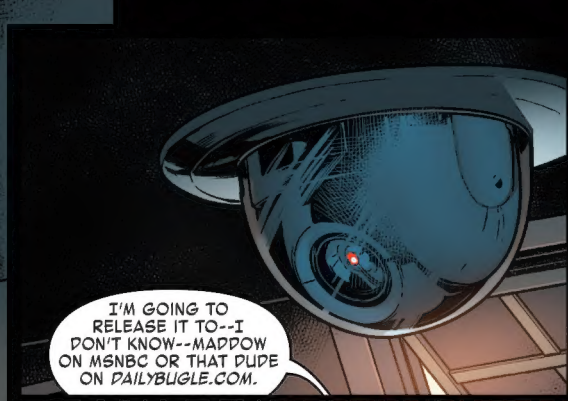






...AND THEN THERE'S MINE.

THAT I'M ACTUALLY RECORDING RIGHT NOW.



I'M GOING TO RELEASE IT TO--I DON'T KNOW--MADPLOW ON MSNBC OR THAT PUDE ON DAILYBUGLE.COM.



OH, HEY, DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE WHO GETS THE EXCLUSIVE?



BECAUSE I CAN SEE THE HEADLINE, LIKE--CORPORATE WEASELS HIRE MORALLY QUESTIONABLE VIGILANTE TO BREAK INTO INDUSTRIOUS YOUNG WOMAN'S HOUSE TO STEAL HER SUPER HERO STUFF AFTER SHE SPENT THE DAY FIGHTING FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE GLOBAL FREEDOM OF ALL PEOPLE.



HOW MANY CAMERAS?

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IT WILL EDIT TOGETHER MWAH.

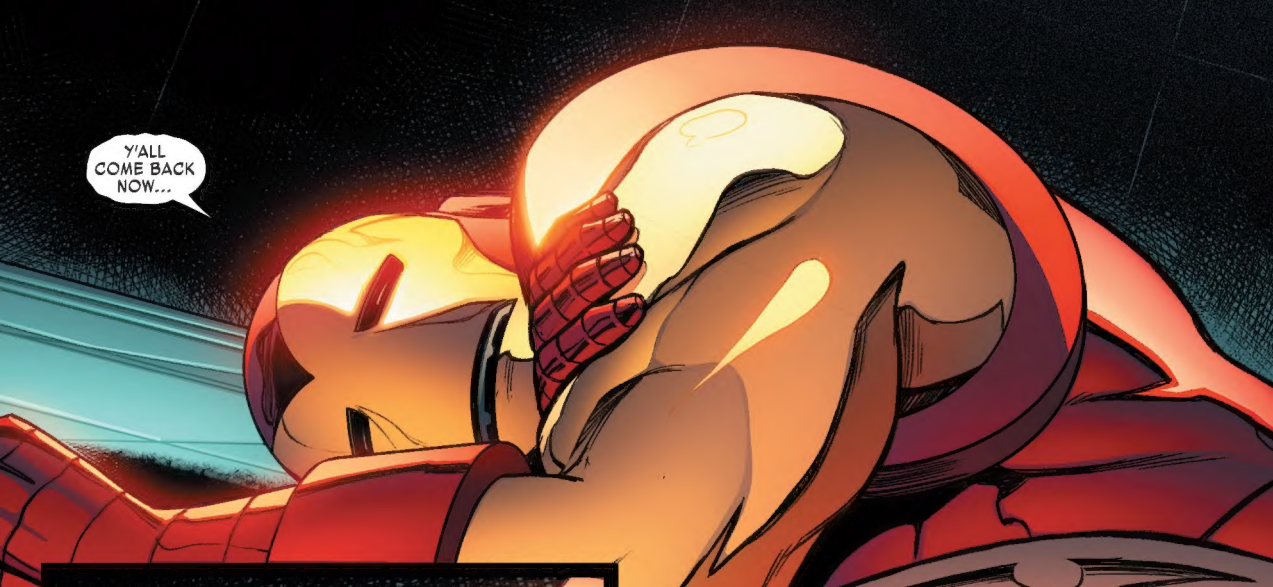


OBTAINING, I WAS NOT INFORMED AS TO THE, UH, COMPLEXITIES OF THE SITUATION.



SO, UH, GET OUT.

DON'T COME BACK.



Y'ALL
COME BACK
NOW...



HE'S--HE'S
HERE!
I
FOUND
HIM!



I THINK.
OH, I THINK HE'S
AWAKE!

WHERE
AM I?

HOLD
ON.

HURTS
TO...
...TALK...

HOLD
ON...



MJ,
I FOUND
HIM!

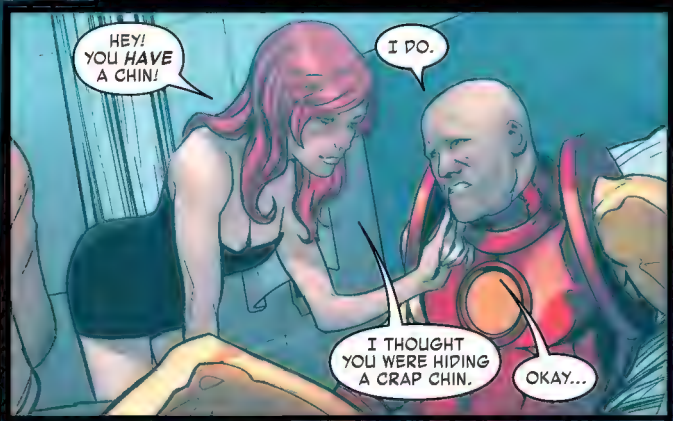
OH, MY
BOY.

MOM?

WHAT
DID YOU
DO?









OF
COURSE
WE DID.

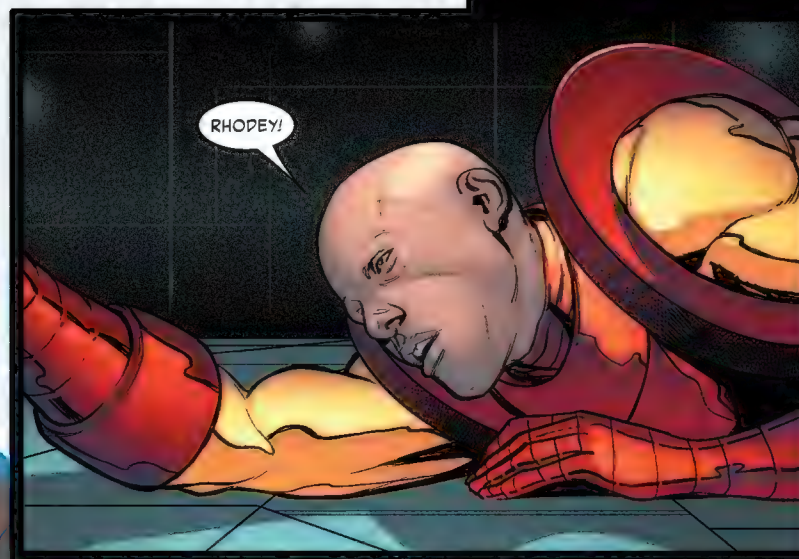
WE
LOVE YOU,
TONY.

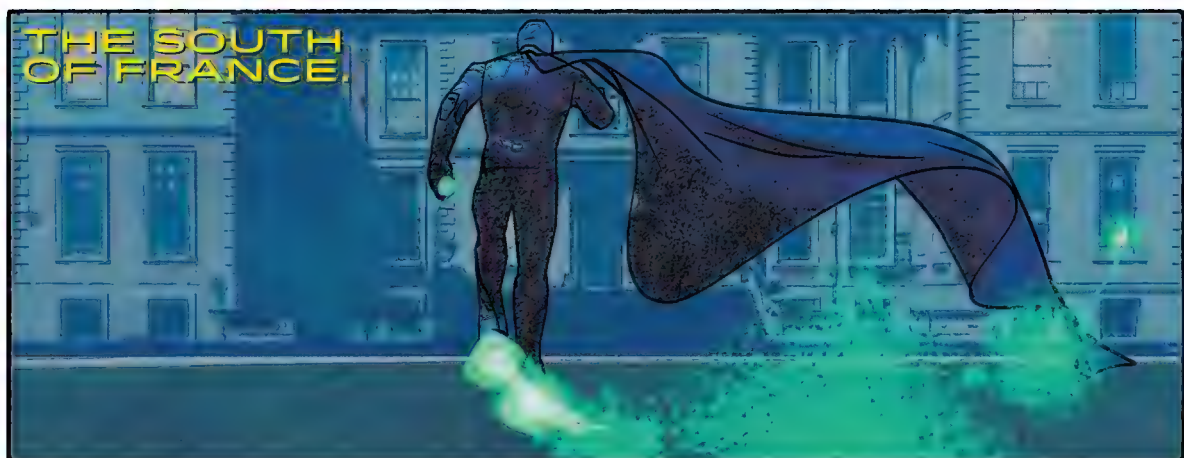


PLUS,
WE HAD A
FEARLESS
LEADER TO
GUIDE US
HERE...



RHODEY!









NOTHING TO BE SORRY FOR, CAPTAIN...

I THOUGHT IF WE COULD ALL GET ON THE SAME CALL, WE MAY BE ABLE TO SHARE INFORMATION THAT WOULD HELP WITH THE LEADS--

WE HAVE NOTHING.

I WISH YOU COULD SEE HOW HARD EVERYBODY IS WORKING HERE...

SORRY, MS. ARMSTRONG.



I JUST TALKED TO THE FBI GUY.

THEY PROMISED THEY WILL BUZZ US AS SOON AS--

OH, YEAH. WAS HE FLIRTY WITH YOU?

WHATEVER WORKS.

GOOD. MAYBE HE'LL MOVE HIS ARSE TO IMPRESS YOU.



FRIDAY?!

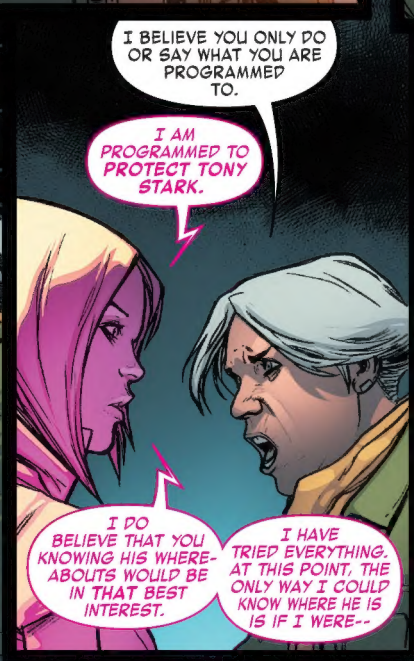


I HAVE NO UPDATES.

I AM DOING EVERYTHING IN MY PROGRAMMING--

WHERE IS HE, FRIDAY?

I PROMISE YOU, I DO NOT KNOW.

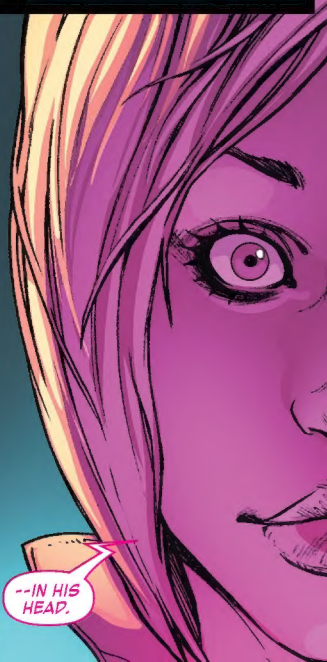


I BELIEVE YOU ONLY DO OR SAY WHAT YOU ARE PROGRAMMED TO.

I AM PROGRAMMED TO PROTECT TONY STARK.

I DO BELIEVE THAT YOU KNOWING HIS WHEREABOUTS WOULD BE IN THAT BEST INTEREST.

I HAVE TRIED EVERYTHING. AT THIS POINT, THE ONLY WAY I COULD KNOW WHERE HE IS IS IF I WERE--



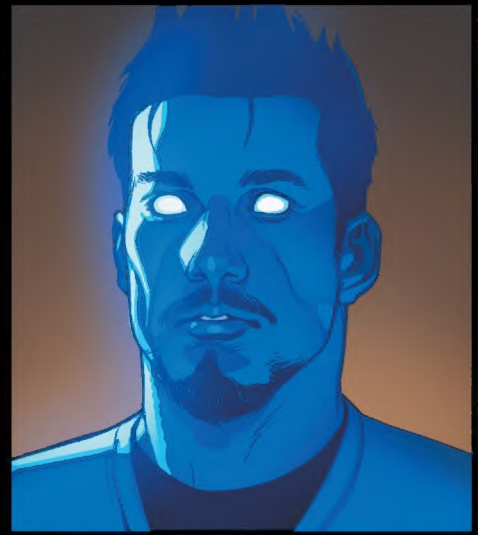
--IN HIS HEAD.



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CAMERAS?

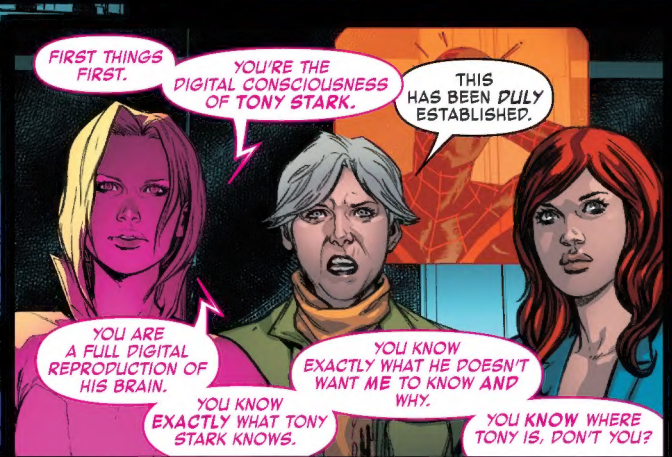
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MWAH.



A.I.
TONY...

MAKE IT
QUICK, STARK
ENTERPRISES IS
STEALING RIRI
WILLIAMS.



FIRST THINGS
FIRST.

YOU'RE THE
DIGITAL CONSCIOUSNESS
OF TONY STARK.

THIS
HAS BEEN DULY
ESTABLISHED.

YOU ARE
A FULL DIGITAL
REPRODUCTION OF
HIS BRAIN.

YOU KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT TONY
STARK KNOWS.

YOU KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT HE DOESN'T
WANT ME TO KNOW AND
WHY.

YOU KNOW WHERE
TONY IS. DON'T YOU?



TO BE
FAIR...

...NO ONE
DIRECTLY ASKED
ME BEFORE
NOW.

TO BE CONTINUED...

SOCK IT TO SHELL-HEAD!

Welcome back, shell-heads! Assistant Editor Alanna Smith here, fresh from a delicious week of eating turkey (the food, not the country, OBVIOUSLY) and ready to answer all your burning questions! They ARE burning, right? Because if they're not, I could just take a post-Thanksgiving nap instead of... Just kidding, of course we're doing letters! I love letters! Who needs sleep or rest, am I right? Here goes!

Hey, guys!

I've never been an avid reader of IRON MAN. Just lately I began reading Ironheart and have loved the way Riri's character is presented to readers. I love her interaction with Tony's hologram, her relationship with her mother, the small bits of her past we get to see here and there. Although I've faithfully been reading each issue as it comes out every month, I will say the following: If I were to pick one single issue of INVINCIBLE IRON MAN to read and nothing else, it would be issue #11. Why? Because it is absolutely beautifully written. We definitely got to meet Tony's soft side a little, but of all the things I could've guessed I didn't know about Mr. Stark, hugging babies when he has trouble sleeping (and because they need to be held) was not one of them. What a lovely secret to keep hidden from everyone! And the way it was presented in the book, through the art and the writing...it made me cry. There are just no words to describe the way I felt while reading this issue. It was simply wonderful. Thank you, Mr. Brian Michael Bendis, for not only showing us this side of Tony, but also for sharing the story of Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. Perhaps you didn't get to personally give Mr. Cheek this issue before he passed, but you did get to share it with your readers, and I truly believe it will make us better people for it. What an honor it is to hear of this man's kindness and love for others; what a legacy to leave behind.

Thank you.
Andrea Thomas

Thank you for your lovely letter, Andrea-I'm honored Brian let us be a

part of sharing Mr. Cheek's story, and it's wonderful to hear it resonated with people!

I can't tell you how much I have loved INVINCIBLE IRON MAN since issue #1. Riri is a wonderful character. My daughter Rose dressed as her for one of the days of Chicago Comic Con, and she brought so much joy to everyone who recognized her. Representation matters. I bought four copies of the first trade for some African American teenage girls in my life who don't always see themselves represented as heroes in comic books. Thank you for this book.



Molly Collins

Thank you so much for your letter, Molly! Rose looks AMAZING. She even got the sneakers right! So glad you're both enjoying the book and spreading the Riri love.

Fifty-plus-year fan of Marvel, but first letter: The latest issue of IRON MAN was so touching. Made me think: "Hey, I'm good with babies, I could do that!" Going to look into it. Thanks for the inspiration!

Jon Caulkett
Battle Creek, MI

That's fantastic, Jon! I'm sure that you continuing Mr. Cheek's legacy would do him proud! And it looks like even if your local NICU doesn't have a volunteer baby-cuddling program, there are lots of ways other you can help hospitals and groups that provide services and care for preemies.

I got to talk about tiny babies in a letters page, so you KNOW I'm having a good day now. Good thing I didn't take that nap! Keep sending in your letters, and I'll see you next month!

-Invincible Alanna Smith

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